MR. CHAIRMAN : How many times I told you to take your seat? Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please do not behave like this. I told you that the matter which you have raised is before the Chair. We will come to that later. But what is the point in shouting like this? Please understand that we are not taking up any Zero Hour issues today. Many issues are being raised today. A notice was given under Rule 184 by Shri Dasmunsi, Shri Panigrahi and Shri Ramesh Chennithala, and another notice was given under Rule 193 by Prof. P.J. Kurien. All these notices are under the active consideration of the hon. Speaker. So, a decision will be taken on this and the same will be informed to you. Then only, we can take up those matters. We are not taking up any other item today and, with the consent of the House, we are going to continue the discussion on Bihar. We are also skipping the lunch hour today and continue with the discussion.

SHRI A.C. JOS (IDUKKI) : What about matters under Rule 377?

[Translation]

KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH (Aonla) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have also given a notice regarding Babrala.

[English]

SHRI RAM NAIK : Sir, matters under Rule 377 should be allowed.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, we shall now take up matters under Rule 377.

12.13 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to take steps to check erosion caused by Chambal river in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

[Translation]

DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH (Bhind) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, thousands of hectares of cultivable land on both banks of the Chambal river which passes through Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have turned into ravines due to erosion of soil. As per the survey conducted by the scientists, if the pace of this erosion is not arrested. Bhind and Muraina districts of Madhya Pradesh would be cut off from the map of Madhya Pradesh turning into ravines of the Chambal. Whatever amount the Government had made available for this purpose was rather wasted more and utilised less. This fact is indicated in the Government's report too. If the Chambal valley is to be made green and cultivable, the only remedy for that lies in providing loans to the local landless and unemployed youths at the normal interest rate by the Government to make ravines cultivable by providing on lease.

Therefore, I would like to request the Union Government, through you, that necessary steps should be taken to arrest the erosion of thousands of hectares of land on either side of the banks of the Chambal river.

(ii) Need to set up a Diagnostic Centre of Cancer in Barpeta District of Assam.

[English]

SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN (Barpeta) : The incidence of cancer is alarmingly growing in Assam particularly in the district of Barpeta. Every year people of different walks of life have been affected by the killer disease and many die of cancer. Ignorance prevailing among the people about the disease and absence of any diagnostic centre in the district have stood in the way for early diagnosis of the disease and consequent treatment. There is a strong and urgent demand for setting up a centre for the diagnosis and the treatment of the disease as except B. Barooah Cancer Institute at Gauhati, there is no such centre in the lower Assam and people in the District are willing to offer land for setting up the centre.

In view of the above, I would request the Union Government to consider this important and urgent issue and take necessary and immediate measures for setting up a diagnostic centre to check the growth rate of the cancer patients in the district.

(iii) Need for Erection of Anti-Sea Erosion Walls Along the Arabian Sea Coast of Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N. DENNIS (Nagarcoil) : Arabian sea coast of Kanyakumari district is one of the major marine fish producing centres in the country. Fishermen in large numbers are living there. They are fully depending on fishing which is their traditional and only occupation. Now sea erosion is posing grave threat of destruction and damage. This year it has caused heavy loss and damages to the poor fishermen. Several fishing vessels, nets and houses are washed away by the rough sea and mighty

waves. It is one of the worst sea erosion-prone and affected areas in the country. Anti-sea erosion walls are erected in some places. Some places are left out without anti-sea erosion walls. Such places are open to sea-erosion damages. In some places where sea erosion walls were erected, they collapsed due to lapse of time and replacement of sea erosion walls are required there.

I request the Central Government to take immediate steps for the erection of anti-sea erosion walls and render other remedial measures to the affected places by formulation and implementation of National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP) or by adoption of other measures of protection to overcome this natural calamity.

(iv) Need for Reconstruction of a Bridge on Drain along the Border in Amritsar District of Punjab.

SHRI MAJOR SINGH UBOKE (Tarantaran) : After the Indo-Pak war of 1971, a defence drain was constructed along the border in Amritsar district of Punjab. Its distance from the actual boundary line varies. Large tracks of land fall on Pakistan side of the drain. Even some villages fall on that side. In order to facilitate cultivation of land and keep vigil on the barbed wire fencing and beyond up to the boundary line, many bridges were constructed by the GREF under the guidance of the Army.

Unfortunately, a bridge on the Khalra-Dall-War Section of the Defence drain in front of Wan village in Patti Tehsil of Amritsar District in Punjab has been washed away. The people are facing considerable problems in crossing the drain for the purpose of cultivation of the land.

I request the Government to ask the Army and GREF to reconstruct the bridge at the earliest.

(v) Need to give financial assistance to State Government of Bihar for providing relief to the people affected by floods in Saran, Bihar.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMBAHADUR SINGH (Maharajganj) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, incultivable loss is caused to life and property in the Northern Bihar each year due to the fury of floods and this has become the destiny of Bihar but the situation has become all the more alarming this time because of the ongoing untimely rains followed by hailstorms those areas have also come in the grip of floods which has not so far been affected by it and the Saran commissionery has to bear the brunt of it.

Therefore, I appeal the Union Government to take Suomoto action to take up this extraordinary situation and provide financial assistance to the State Government to save life and property of the people.

(vi) Need to bring Delhi Police under direct control of Government of National Capital Territory.

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA (Outer Delhi) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, although 34 years have elapsed since Delhi attained statehood but the policy of depriving the Delhi Government of its basic rights by the Centre has been continuing till date. It is ironical that Delhi has been given the status of statehood but the Centre has taken away the important responsibility of the Delhi Government regarding maintenance of law and order by keeping the Delhi Police under its control. There is no such state in the country which does not have its own police force. The Union Government should ponder over the fact that when the right to enact laws rests with the Delhi Government, the policy of implementing them should also rest with it on the one hand, the 50th anniversary of Independence is being celebrated all over the country at the same time the rights of the Delhi Government are being curbed. This has had adverse effect on the law and order situation in the capital, Delhi. The newspapers are swamped by the reports of theft, dacoity, kidnapping, murders, rape and other such incidents daily. There is lack of coordination and understanding between the Delhi Government and the Delhi Police as it is not under its control and as a result of it, there has been a spate of crimes in Delhi.

Therefore, I request the Union Government that for preventing rising crimes in the National Capital and accelerating the pace of developmental works, the Delhi Police should be put under the control of the Delhi Government so that the sole responsibility of maintaining peace and security of citizens lies in one government and desired improvement could be brought about in this direction.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Krishan Lal Sharma, what is there in the approved text will only go on record. So, why do you waste your valuable time?

...(Interruptions)